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SUBJ: VISAS FOR SOVIET MARITIME OFFICIALS TO JOIN
OIL TALKS

1. BOTH SIDES HAVE AGREED THAT BEFORE OIL AGREEMENT IS
SIGNED, AVERIN AND BLACKWELL SHOULD AGREE ON RATES,
TERMS AND CONDITIONS THAT WOULD BE ADEQUATE TO ASSURE
PARTICIPATION OF NATIONAL FLAG VESSELS IN THE CARRIAGE
OF THE OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO BE SHIPPED UNDER THE
AGREEMENT. SOVIETS WANT THESE SHIPPING TALKS TO TAKE
PLACE WHILE AT LEAST SOME MEMBERS OF THEIR OIL DELEGATION
ARE STILL IN WASHINGTON. THEY THEREFORE INTEND TO ASK
AVERIN TO COME HERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. A SEPARATE MESSAGE FROM BLACKWELL, OUTLINING WHAT HE
PROPOSES TO DISCUSS, WILL BE SENT TO EMBASSY SHORTLY FOR
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TRANSMITTAL TO AVERIN.

3. WE EXPECT AVERIN AND PERHAPS OTHERS FROM MINISTRY OF
MERCHANT MARINE TO APPLY FOR VISAS SHORTLY. REQUEST
EMBASSY GIVE VISA APPLICATIONS OF AVERIN GROUP MOST

EXPEDITIOUS POSSIBLE HANDLING SO THAT THEY CAN DEPART
PROMPTLY. NAMES OF OTHER MEMBERS OF AVERIN GROUP
SHOULD BE CABLED TO DEPT. AS SOON AS THEY ARE KNOWN. SISCO

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